

To: FCC.GOV

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Subject: Net Neutrality: Proceeding 17-108

Dear FCC Commissioners,

It is important to me and many of my friends and colleagues that the FCC safeguard Internet freedom by keeping the bright-line net neutrality protections in place and upholding Title II.

I remember speaking out in 2014 to demand bright-line rules to ensure ISPs didn't violate net neutrality. I was pleased when the FCC listened to me and my friends and colleagues.

I am asking the FCC to reject Chairman Ajit Pai's proposal to give the ISP monopolies like Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon free rein to restrict access or slow down speeds to whatever they choose. This is too much power. It worries me that the creation of a tiered Internet with "fast lanes" for certain sites or services would allow ISP monopolies to block or slow my access and the access of other consumers to web services of my choosing. Internet users will have fewer options and less Internet diversity.

I would like to see the current FCC regulations remain in place. The current regulations ensure that ISP monopolies cannot block or slow consumer access to particular web services. In addition and importantly, the current regulations do not engage in data discrimination by charging online services and websites money to reach customers more quickly.

It is critically important that to ensure that competition in the Internet space is fair and benefits consumers and small businesses as well as larger players. The current system is balanced.

Chairman Pai's proposals should not be implemented. His proposed repeal of the rules would unfairly transform ISPs into gatekeepers and give them an effective veto right on the freedom of expression and innovation.

I use the Internet to take classes from various educational institutions around the world, research specific topics for my profession, shop including reading reviews posted by individuals of items that they have purchased, read reviews of services such as medical providers, find the location of various businesses and their addresses and phone numbers (e.g., shops, medical providers, restaurants, etc.), stay in touch with my colleagues, family and friends, and much more.

Future generations of technology users need the FCC to safeguard Internet freedom by keeping the bright-line net neutrality protections in place and upholding Title II. Please maintain the Title II net neutrality rules and the rights of Internet users like me.

Sincerely,

Pat Carlson